(*a*) the date of appointment of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee:

(*b*) the date of the report submitted by that committee;

(*c*) the number of times and the dates on which questions were asked in the Legislative Council regarding the promptness with which a Bill on the subject should be placed before the Council;

(*d*) whether the Legislative Department has done anything in the matter after the last reply on the subject was given;

(*e*) the result of the action so far taken; and

(*f*) whether the Bill will be introduced in the next session so that it may be passed into law before the expiry of the term of the present Council?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*):

(*a*) The Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee was appointed in September 1915.

(*b*) The report was submitted by the Committee in June 1916.

(*c*) Five questions on the subject were asked, one each at the meetings of the Council held on the 7th April, 1920, and the 11th November, 1920, two at that of the 25th November, 1922, and one at that of the 3rd November, 1923.

(*d*) and (*e*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*) of question No. 256.

(*f*) The Bill cannot be introduced at the next session of the Council.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*f*), may I know what is the meaning of the expression "next session"?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Budget session.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*). Is there any reason for not introducing the Bill in the budget session?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The only reason is that being a very important measure and likely to take some time in the discussion of the important principles in the Bill, it was thought that there would be no time available for it in the budget session.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*): Has the Bill not been published in the *Gazette*?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, it has been published.

Appointment of Munsiffs.

258. MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery cum Minachil*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Munsiffs recruited from (1) the High Court Bar; (2) the District Court Bar; and (3) the clerical staff, during the last ten years?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*b*) Do they know that the Munsiffs in the Madras Presidency are mostly recruited from the District Court Bar, as the vakils who practise before the District Court are better acquainted with the details of work in the original court than High Court Vakils whose practice is confined to appellate work?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to draw the attention of the High Court to this matter and direct the High Court to recommend qualified members of the District Court Bar for filling future vacancies, as far as possible?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (1) High Court Bar ... 15
(2) District Court Bar ... Nil.
(3) Clerical staff ... 14

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) The High Court will be requested to consider the claims of qualified members of the mofussil Bar also, in connection with the recruitment of Munsiffs.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government have made any enquiry into these facts?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not made any enquiry.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minchil*): May I know the reason why Government have not made any enquiry?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) There was no opportunity to enquire into that question.

Expenditure on Minor Irrigation Works.

259. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money allotted for minor irrigation works in the State—

(i) for the years 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055 and 1056; and

(ii) for each of the past five years, as also for 1099?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(i) A statement * furnishing the information, as far as available, is laid on the table. The allotments for the years 1052-1056 are not known. In the statement the expenditure incurred during these years is furnished in lieu of the grants. Further, the figures include the expenditure on major irrigation works also, as the minor and major irrigation works were not in those years accounted for separately as is done now.

(ii) A statement† giving the information is laid on the table.

* *Vide* appendix VI A—page 920. † *Vide* appendix VI B—page 923.

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